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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Officer, Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Working Group for Planning Matters

REFERENCE : Memo for EO-DD/S&T from C/PP/DD/S&T, Dated 23 September 1963; Same Subject (DD/S&T 1456-63)

1. Colonel Ledford, before departing for the West Coast, asked me to register his general disaffection with the suggestion made in the reference, namely that each DD/S&T component designate someone to a plans working group under Chief, Plans and Policy Staff, to participate in staff study preparation affecting DD/S&T for the next six or twelve months.

25X1A 2. As you know, OSA has its own Programs Staff which is just now beginning to become an effective instrument for the management of the sizable programs committed to our care. This Staff, together with other principal members of OSA, has participated actively in the staffing of background papers, policy recommendations, substitute staff studies, and the like for the DD/S&T since his arrival. They are not, however, manned at a level to permit the assignment of a single individual to [] activity, and because of the variety of our tasks and the consequent compartmentation within our Programs Staff, there is no single individual who speaks with equal authority on all subjects. Colonel Ledford has, therefore, asked me to reserve his non-concurrence in this suggestion, at least until his return to Headquarters next week. Hedoe does feel, I know, that the majority of the staff work tasks which fall to OSA are better done within this organization than by any external group. Give me a call on this if you have any question.

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